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 Haifa

 December 21, 1947

To the Bahá’ís of Macy, Nebraska

Dear Bahá’í Friends,

Our beloved Guardian has received your letter to him, dated October 22, with feelings of great joy and he has instructed me to answer it in his behalf.

The original population of the United States was very dear to ‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s heart, and he foretold for the Indians a great future if they accepted and became enlightened by the teachings of Bahá’u’lláh.

To believe in the mouthpiece of God in His day confers very great blessings, not only on individuals, but on races, and he hopes that you who are now numbered amongst the followers of Bahá’u’lláh will give His message to many more of your tribes, and in this way hasten for your people a bright and happy future.

You may be sure he will pray for each and every one of you, that God may bless and protect your lives and increase your numbers.

With warmest Bahá’í love,

 R. Rabbani

(in the Guardian’s handwriting)

Dearly beloved co-workers,

Your joint message filled my heart with joy and gratitude. I welcome your historic letter and regard it as a landmark in the history of our beloved Faith. I will pray for every one of you from the depths of my heart, and will supplicate the Almighty to bless and sustain you, aid you to deepen your understanding of the Faith, and promote effectively its best interests. Persevere in your task, and rest assured that Bahá’u’lláh will watch over you and guide you.

Your true brother,

 Shoghi

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